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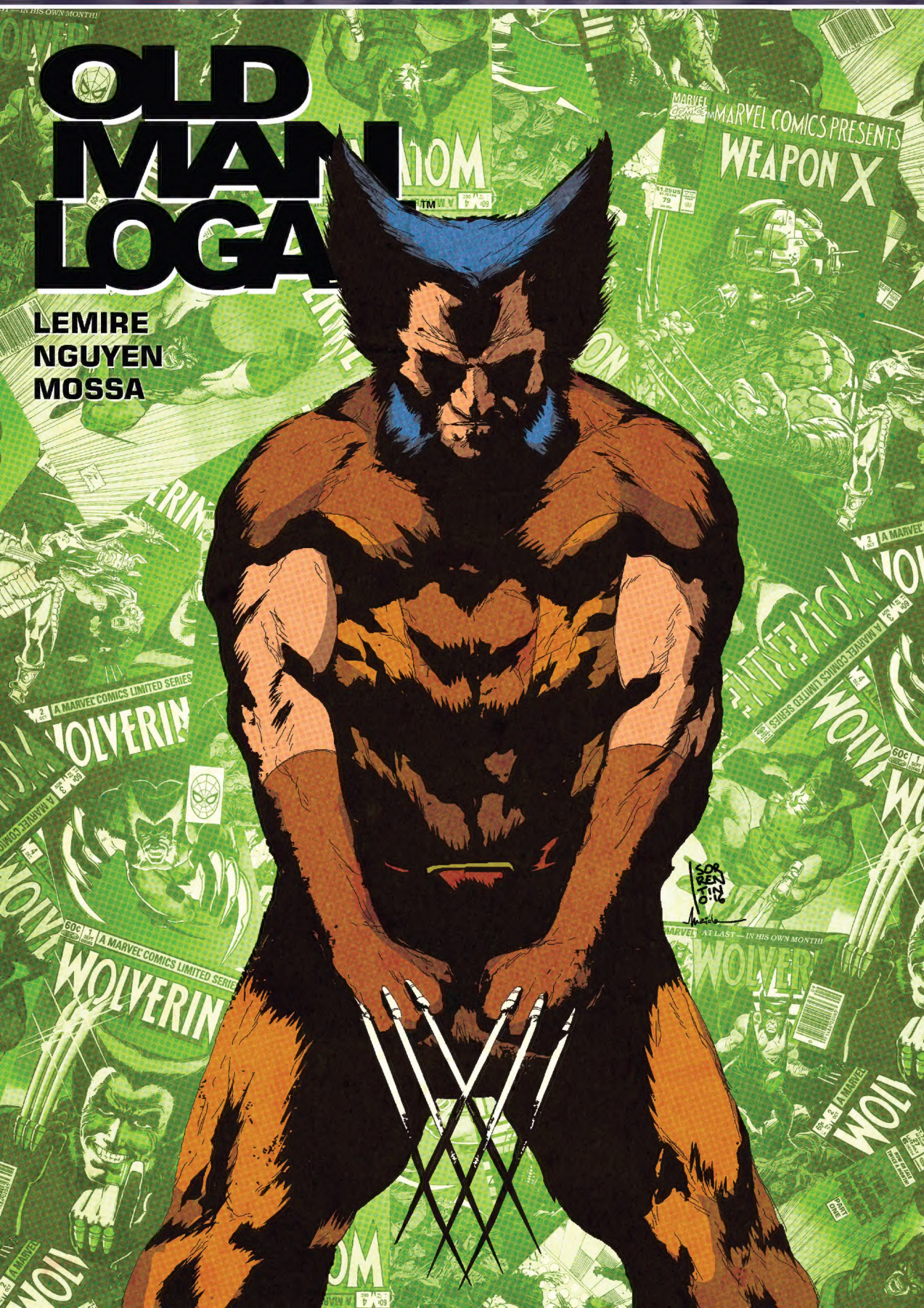

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After surviving a future known as the Wastelands where everything good in the world was destroyed, Old Man Logan awoke in the present, determined to prevent the death of his wife and children. Even after accepting this second chance, he is haunted by the loss of his family.

Logan is lost in time. In an attempt to rescue a baby Hulk from where he abandoned him in the Wastelands, Logan freed Asmodeus--an old-school magical baddie--from a high-security prison, only for Asmodeus to betray him and leave him stranded in the timestream. Logan is trapped, forced to relive some of the most important, and some of the worst, moments of his very long life.

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GRRRARRR!!!
STOP FIGHTING ME, WENDIGO. HULK CAME TO *CURE* YOU!
THE FORESTS OF QUEBEC, CANADA.

HULK AND WENDIGO. THIS--THIS IS THE *FIRST* TIME I WENT UP AGAINST BANNER!

THE AMULET. IF I CAN GET MY HANDS ON IT, I DON'T NEED TO STICK AROUND AND GET REAQUAINTED WITH THESE MEAT HEADS.

HEADS UP, HAIRIES! THE WOLVERINE IS COMING THROUGH!

"HEADS UP, HAIRIES"?! DID I ACTUALLY SAY THAT?! LIKE IT JUST POPPED OUT OF MY MOUTH.

HUH?! LITTLE MAN ATTACKS THE HULK?

BAH, LITTLE MAN JUMPS AROUND LIKE A RABBIT!

STAND STILL, LITTLE MAN, OR ***HULK SMASH!***

--UNGH!

WENDIGO. IF I REMEMBER THIS WHITE FURRY PIECE OF #&$@ LIKE I THINK I DO, HE'S BIGGER THAN THE HULK...

SNIKT

...NOT NEARLY AS TOUGH, THOUGH.

HULK DON'T UNDERSTAND! FIRST LITTLE MAN FIGHTS HULK, NOW HE FIGHTS HULK'S ENEMY?!
SO HULK WILL HELP LITTLE MAN FIGHT HULK'S ENEMY!
KROOM
I WANT TO SCREAM AT BANNER AND TELL HIM THE TRUTH...
...TELL HIM THAT THIS WHOLE THING STARTED BECAUSE I WAS TRYING TO SAVE THE GRANDSON HE WILL ONE DAY HAVE.
I *WANT* TO... BUT I CAN'T GET THE WORDS OUT.
WHAT, NOW YOU ATTACK HULK?! I THOUGHT YOU WERE HULK'S FRIEND! HULK TRUSTED YOU!
SOOH!

WHAT IS THIS?
HRRRN...
I GOT THE SCENT OF THAT AMULET, BUT IT'S FADING FAST.
PUNY LITTLE MAN, HULK WILL SHOW YOU STRONG!
I SEE HULK...
NO!!!

GOT NO MORE TIME TO REENACT MY GREATEST HITS WITH GREEN JEANS.
...BUT IN A SECOND ALL YOU'LL BE SEEING IS STARS.
WHAT THE HELL DID I JUST SAY?! WHY DO I KEEP DOING THAT?
THIS IS GETTING REALLY MESSED UP.
LIKE I'M IN CONTROL MOST OF THE TIME, BUT THEN THINGS JUST POP OUT, THINGS I GUESS I SAID BACK THEN.
NONE OF IT MAKES ANY SENSE. HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO KNOW THE RULES OF WHATEVER MAGIC #$%& ASMODEUS USED TO SEND ME THROUGH TIME?
ALL I KNOW IS WHEN I DO GET OUT OF THIS I'M GOING TO TEAR THAT LYING BASTARD APART.

UH-OH.
KA-POW
HULK NOT LIKE PUNY, LITTLE MAN!
--UNGH!
AND JUST LIKE THAT I FEEL MY SOUL TWISTED INSIDE OUT AND I'M SUCKED BACK INTO THE TIMESTREAM...
...I DON'T KNOW WHAT HURTS MORE, *THIS* OR STICKING AROUND TAKING THOSE HITS FROM BANNER.
AND THE PAIN AIN'T EVEN THE WORST PART. THE WORST PART IS NOT KNOWING *WHERE THE HELL* I'M GOING TO END UP NEXT...

THE WOODS AGAIN? NO, NOT THE WOODS... THIS IS *CENTRAL PARK.*

NEW YORK.

NO. NOT *HERE.* PLEASE...ANYTHING BUT HERE.

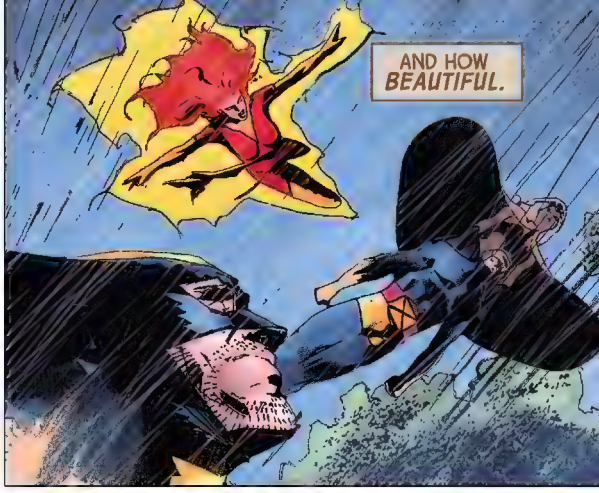
HEAR ME, X-MEN! *NO LONGER* AM I THE WOMAN YOU KNEW! I AM *FIRE!* AND *LIFE INCARNATE!*

NOW AND FOREVER--

--I AM *PHOENIX!*

FWASH

I'D FORGOTTEN... FORGOTTEN HOW *POWERFUL* SHE WAS.


AND HOW *BEAUTIFUL.*

THIS WHOLE THING WITH ASMODEUS MUST HAVE WENT WRONG FOR A REASON. I--I MUST BE HERE FOR *A REASON.*

I SWORE I'D NEVER WATCH JEANNIE DIE AGAIN. SO HELP ME GOD, IT'S *GONNA BE DIFFERENT THIS TIME.*
JEANNIE!!!
SNIKT
SNIKT

NO! DON'T-- *UNGH!*

NO...THIS IS IT. THIS IS THE MOMENT WE LOST HER.
I DIDN'T WANT THIS. BUT IT IS SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO.
THIS WAS THE MOMENT SHE LEFT US, AND WE NEVER GOT HER BACK, AT LEAST NOT LIKE IT WAS.
BY STRIKING YOU DOWN, I CUT MYSELF FREE OF THE LAST TIES BINDING ME TO THE PERSON I WAS, THE LIFE I LED.
I CAN'T LET HER GO. I JUST CAN'T.
JEANNIE, LISTEN TO ME!
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO ME.

MY BRAIN SCREAMS AT MY LEGS TO KEEP RUNNING. TO GET TO JEAN AND TO STOP HER FROM LEAVING...STOP HER FROM GOING TO SPACE AND ALL THE HORRORS THAT I KNOW WAIT FOR HER THERE.
BUT NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY TO MOVE, I JUST STOP DEAD IN MY TRACKS. I STOP AND STARE DUMBFOUNDED JUST LIKE I WAS BACK THEN.
JUST LIKE WHEN I KEPT SAYING ALL THAT GOOFY STUFF BACK WITH BANNER. IT *HAS TO HAPPEN* LIKE IT DID THE FIRST TIME.
THAT'S WHEN I KNOW...I KNOW IT'S USELESS TO TRY.
WHATEVER'S HAPPENED TO ME, WHATEVER ASMODEUS DID TO SEND ME BACK, I CAN'T CHANGE THE PAST.
ALL I CAN DO IS *WATCH*...

...WATCH HER LEAVE ME YET AGAIN.
I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY MORE. I ALREADY KNOW HOW THIS ENDS.
I JUST WANT TO GO.
I DON'T EVEN CARE WHERE OR WHEN...
...ANYWHERE BUT HERE.

JAPAN.

NOW WE'RE TALKING.

SNIKT

SO I CAN'T CHANGE THE PAST. NOT THE WAY I WANT TO.

THE THINGS THAT HAPPENED TO ME ARE STILL GONNA HAPPEN TO ME.

I COULD DRIVE MYSELF CRAZY TRYING TO *FIGHT* THAT. BUT ONE THING I LEARNED IN ALL THIS TIME...

SOMETIMES YOU JUST GOTTA BEAT THE @#$% OUT OF SOMEONE.
SEE? FEEL BETTER ALREADY.

NOT YET.
THEY SAY YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE. BUT THAT IS A LIE.
I'VE HAD MORE LIVES THAN I CAN EVEN REMEMBER MOST DAYS.
I'VE *LOST* MORE TOO.
SO IF I CAN'T CHANGE THE PAST, IF I'M STUCK RELIVING THESE LIVES...I MAY AS WELL *TAKE ADVANTAGE* OF IT.
MARIKO?

〈LOGAN? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? IT IS LATE, AND I WAS WORRIED.〉*
〈I'M ALL RIGHT, MARIKO... I JUST MISSED YOU.〉
*TRANSLATED FROM JAPANESE.
GOD, HOW I'VE MISSED YOU.

OKAY. NOW I CAN GO.
EVERY LEAP IS TAKING ME AHEAD IN TIME. EVENTUALLY...EVENTUALLY I GOTTA GET BACK.
RIGHT?
→GASP←
I SMELL IT, EVEN OVER THE STENCH OF THE SEWER...I'D KNOW THAT SMELL ANYWHERE.
SMELLS LIKE DANGER. SMELLS LIKE LIFE...

...SMELLS LIKE MADRIPOOR.
LOWTOWN, MADRIPOOR.
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